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## **Testimony of Joan-Alice Taylor, PT, Psy.D., LPC, FABDA, CBT President, CT Physical Therapy Association**

### **In support of**

### **Raised Bill No. 5527, AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY HEALTH CARE REFORM**

### **Before the Joint Committee on Public Health March 22, 2012**

Chairperson Gerratana, Chairperson Ritter, Members of the Public Health Committee, my name is Joan-Alice Taylor and I am the President of the Connecticut Physical Therapy Association. **I am pleased to submit this testimony in support of Raised Bill No. 5527, AN ACT CONCERNING A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY HEALTH CARE REFORM.**

I have been a practicing physical therapist for forty-three years and in private practice for twenty-nine years. As such, I have seen many changes in the delivery of health care and physical therapy over the years. We applaud the Legislature for its foresight in considering these challenges as we look into the future in an attempt to envision the best healthcare system for Connecticut's residents.

I am here to offer our support, should this working group be convened, to serve as part of the group. Physical therapists should be represented as a voice on this study group given our role in the wellness and prevention components of healthcare. We would be happy to provide the names of qualified physical therapists, should the bill be signed into law.

I hope you will offer us the opportunity to serve on this working group to help determine the future of health care in Connecticut. Please don't hesitate to contact our lobbyist, Michael Dugan should you need answers to any questions raised by this testimony. We would be happy to answer any questions and look forward to continuing to work with the Committee throughout the session.

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